GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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CULTIVATION OF MEDICINAL PLANTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Kerala for undertaking cultivation of medicinal plants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)&(b)Proposals for cultivation of medicinal plants were received from State Government of Kerala during the current year for financial assistance.

A new Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Mission on Medicinal Plants has been implemented by the Government under which cultivation is proposed to be taken up in identified clusters through Growers, Self Help Groups, Corporates, Growers Cooperatives, etc. The scheme will be coordinated by State Horticultural Missions at State level.

The proposals for cultivation of medicinal plants received from State Government of Kerala were, therefore, returned for disposal at the State level in accordance with the new Centrally Sponsored Scheme on National Mission on Medicinal Plants.